

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Kathy Mann Koepke, Daniel Russ, and Ulder Tillman.

Members Absent: Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Susan Milstein, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, Wayne Swann, and Bridget Ware.

Staff Present: Helen Lettlow and Ellen Segal. Guest: Mrs. Kaplan

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- **Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the June 2016 minutes was made by Dr. Alan Kaplan and seconded by Maya Das. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850. This meeting will serve as the annual retreat.

**3.0 Chief's Report – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman addressed highlights from the August 2016 report (included in the meeting packet).**

- At the end of August more than 2,000 students were out of compliance the requirement to be vaccinated. As of September 15, there were less than 1,000 students out of compliance.
- In August, Disease Control program staff screened 94 County residents for Zika. There were 11 positive results that prompted 11 door-to-door Aedes Mosquito Responses. Most of the cases were related to travel from El Salvador.
- Montgomery County currently has 50 TB cases which is almost double the number of cases last year.

**4.0 New Business**

- The chair presented commissioner Ron Bialek with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his serving two terms of service (6 years) on the COH. The Commission wished him luck on his future endeavors.
- Applications were due for COH membership by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The County Executive's office informed staff that the applications will be forwarded in the coming weeks. The Commission would like for those whose terms have ended to continue serving until new commissioners are appointed.
- **ACTION:** Workgroup reports are needed for the Annual Report. COH also needs short reports from the liaisons to other boards, committees, and commissions (BCCs).
- The Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Board would like to provide a brief overview of its mission and activities at the November meeting.

- The Commission on Aging has recommended aligning some of its priorities such as oral health with COH.
- Priorities for the Health Montgomery Steering Committee are:
  - Behavioral Health
  - Chronic Diseases
  - Health In All Policies
- COH encourages and supports the Department's "Health in All Policies" initiative.
- The Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee is looking for an executive sponsor whose role would be to coordinate meetings and develop the agenda. They are interested in COH as the executive sponsor and have explained this would be a short term assignment between November and December.
- To affirm the pursuit of public health accreditation, it was suggested that it would be good to have a letter of support explaining the rationale and anticipated benefits.
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: COH will attend the Director's meeting with boards, committees and commissions (BCCs) to discuss its priorities and accomplishments.
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: Advocacy training will be provided for BCCs that recently had their enabling legislation amended to include the ability to advocate at the State and Federal level. The COH Chair, Vice Chair, and staff will attend.
- October 4<sup>th</sup>: The Council's Board of Health Meeting will take place at 9:30 am. Dr. Tillman will provide testimony and COH will make their annual statement to Council.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> County Council HHS Subcommittee meets with BCCs to hear their priorities for FY17.

#### **5.0 Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Liaison – Marla Caplon**

- The Community Eligibility Program (CEP) funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is being newly piloted at two schools. This program known as Directly Served provides free meals (breakfast and lunch) for all students in the school. Applications to determine income eligibility are not required for this program. The purpose is to remove the stigma between students who pay for meals and those who receive free meals. If all students participate by eating meals, 60% of the cost would be paid by the Federal Government and 40% by the County. There has been a positive reaction to the program but not much increase in participation.
- Research has shown that when meals are served in school it improves health, stress, test scores, etc. The County is tracking test scores for the schools.
- Helen Lettlow asked whether the later date for the start of the new school year has an effect on poor students. Marla commented that MCPS provides meals for students during the summer break and that there has been no discussion on the impact of the later back to school start date.

#### **6.0 Retreat**

- The FY17 workgroups are:
  - Health Literacy (focus on health insurance literacy)
  - Men's Health (focus on preventive health care)
  - Obesity
- All workgroups will address health equity.
- The main theme of each workgroup is prevention.
- **MOTION:** Michelle Hawkins made a motion for Chair Daniel Russ and Vice Chair Mitchell Berger to draft a letter to County Council and the County Executive stating COH's top two priorities for the year. The motion was seconded by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and unanimously approved by voiced consent.
- Susan Milstein will contact a potential speaker to present on the topic of men's health.
- Bonnie Braun, Ph.D. of the University of Maryland will be invited to speak at the retreat on the subject of health insurance literacy.

**6.0 Motion to Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Lettlow, DrPH  
Commission on Health

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
July, 2016**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

- The Rockville Pike Dental Clinic, located at 1401 Rockville Pike, received approval of its x-ray equipment and will be open for business on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The clinic is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Clients looking for dental services, may call 240-777-4512.

**HOT SPOTS**

- The Maternity Partnership enrollment continues to increase. The Area Health Centers provided orientation for 1,976 clients in FY'16. This is a 15.5% increase in the past 3 years.

**UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES**

**Disease Control**

- Approved 40 County residents for Zika testing and facilitated specimen transport to DHMH Baltimore Lab. Coordinated 6 Mosquito Outreach responses for 342 addresses throughout the County. Investigated 40 confirmed cases of foodborne illness and 32 animal bites including 2 rabid bats and a fox.

**Refugee Health**

- PAA interviews still in progress
- Roving team DAHC CHN and TB PAA continues to help support staffing vacancies
- NextGen state lab interface is in week 3 of implementation; going well overall

**TB Control**

- 31 active TB cases reported to CDC
- 1 new case (re-activation) may be MDR; repeat susceptibility results for DHMH lab pending/due by the first week of August
- NextGen state lab interface is in week 3 of implementation; going well overall

**Immunization Program**

- The Immunization program staff collaborated with School Health Services and provided assistance with Immunization document review for Tdap and MCV4 vaccines at 9 Middle Schools with the highest non-compliance students rate.
- Planning for Back to School clinics with School Health, Community Health, and Immunization program.
- Planning has begun for the school based influenza clinics with School Health, Community Health and Immunization Program
- Planning for large flu clinic partnership with University of Maryland Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy.

**School Health Services**

- School Health Services began orientation of 29 staff, including 21 substitute School Health Room Technicians. They began their six-week orientation to become Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medication Technicians with the Maryland Board of Nursing and will be assigned to schools on an as needed basis. Additionally, 8 School Community Health Nurses are attending orientation.

- School Health Services provided health services and/or oversight to over 10,000 children in the 55 schools who held Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO), Extended School Year (ESY) or Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL) programs.

#### Community Health Services

- The Lead Poisoning Program has seen an increase in clients the past 2 years. In FY'15, there were 62 new referrals and in FY'16 there were 85 new referrals. Even though this represents an increase, it is not as big as the program anticipated following the State changes in testing and the reporting of childhood lead levels.
- Germantown Health Center began international immunization clinics in collaboration with School Health and MCPS through the month of August.

#### Care for Kids

- The Care for Kids program ended FY16 with 4,824 participants, a 23% increase over FY15 and a 60% increase over FY14. Much of the increase is attributable to unaccompanied children fleeing violence in Central America. Kaiser Permanente recently reopened their panel through December 2016 to accept 25 new CFK children per month. They stopped accepting new children from CFK in May 2015.

#### Montgomery Cares

- Montgomery Cares ended FY16 with 24,160 patients, a 1.2% reduction from FY15 and a 13.5% reduction from FY14. The factors contributing to the slight reduction from FY15 include the implementation of the ACA and expanded eligibility among Montgomery Cares patients for Medicaid and QHP coverage. This leveling off of patient enrollment was expected, but the trend for the next few years is unclear, as we continue to get a better understanding of the number of the remaining uninsured residents in the County.

#### Maternity Partnership

- The Maternity Partnership program ended FY16 with 1,905 enrolled patients, a 7.6% increase over FY15 and a 16.5% increase over FY14. MPP is exploring a partnership with the Montgomery Cares Behavioral Health program and Holy Cross Hospital to expedite women into care after delivery.

### STATISTICS

<b>Program: Infants at Risk (IAR)</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of Infant at Risk (IAR) referrals received from hospitals or providers	10
YTD Number	217
Number of referrals received from DHMH or providers for children lead levels > 10ug/dl	8
YTD Number	85
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services from School Health Services (joint CHS/SHS case-managed pregnant teens)	7
YTD Number	66

Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services from Dedicated Administrative Care Coordination Team (DACCT) for case management services	7
YTD Number	55
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients referred for receiving nurse case management services	96
YTD Number	1200
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients referred for receiving telephonic case management services	64
YTD Number	815
<b>Program: Montgomery Cares</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Patients	4,761
YTD Patients	24,160
Encounters	5,745
YTD Encounters	67,410
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	159
YTD Patients	1981
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	163
YTD Patients	<b>1905</b>
Number of teens enrolled	6
YTD teen enrollment	124
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	41%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	789
Number of patients enrolled in first trimester	68
Fetal losses	0
YTD fetal losses	16
<b>Program: Dental Health</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
<b>Maternity:</b>	
New patients	83
YTD patients	1278
Encounters	200
YTD Encounters	2546
<b>Children:</b>	
New patients	105
YTD patients	1909
Encounters	268
YTD Encounters	3974
<b>Adults:</b>	
New patients	109
YTD patients	1431
Encounters	256

YTD Encounters	3407
<b>Seniors:</b>	
New patients	44
YTD patients	762
Encounters	131
YTD Encounters	1804
<b>TOTAL:</b>	
New patients	341
YTD patients	5380
Encounters	855
YTD Encounters	11731
<b>Program: Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	491
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	5762
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	692.75
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	8296.65
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	169
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	1915
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	558
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	3629
<b>Program: Healthcare Services</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	0
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	8
Number of nursing homes	34
<b>Program: Health Room</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of visits by students who return to class after and are ready to learn following health room intervention	30693
Number of visits by students with a health room intervention	34171
<b>Program: SBH/WC</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of visits each month to the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (non cumulative)	455
Number of clients enrolled in the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (cumulative)	9919
<b>Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>
Number of VFC vaccinations administered	825
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients	585

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
August, 2016**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

- Over 400 School Health Services (SHS) staff returned for a new school year on August 22nd at the annual Back-to-School meeting and training. Dr. Ulder Tillman, County Health Officer and Chief of Public Health Services welcomed the staff back for the 2016-17 school year. Several of the topics discussed included diabetes, anaphylaxis, immunizations and the distribution of Narcan to trained SHS nurses. The all-day event was held at the Silver Spring Civic Center in Silver Spring.
- Video Directly Observed TherapyDOT Study Update - 14 enrolled; met with Johns Hopkins staff last week and they are pleased with how things are going; they are starting to analyze data.

**HOT SPOTS**

**UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES**

Licensing & Regulatory

- Environmental Health
  - Paul's Used Tires was given a notice of violation for a mosquito nuisance which gave the property owner 30 days to:
    - Deliver larvacide to all affected tires and anywhere standing water resides;
    - Remove any excess tires not being stored under overhead protection;
    - Cease storage of tires under metal overhead protection between storage containers; and/or
    - Store tires in a manner as to not allow the collection of water or cause a condition where mosquitos may breed.
  - Flea/Hoarding Nuisance Investigation at Business Condominium: complaint of fleas in the condo beneath a cat rescue business. Animal Control issued an order to property owner to cease storage of domestic animals on the property. No animals or fleas were observed at investigation however there was a hoarding issue. Past pest control documented flea issues could not be properly treated due to hoarding conditions. Due to no flea issues, requested property owner begin removal of excess items within 30 days and complete removal of all excess items within 90 days. Property owner needed 90 days based on potential outcome regarding being charged with a criminal penalty for animal cruelty.
- Health Care Facilities
  - A nursing home received an immediate jeopardy deficiency when the facility failed to ensure proper food preparation practices for the prevention of food borne illness. This deficient practice placed 13 residents on a pureed diet at risk for potential food borne illness due to improper cooling of potentially hazardous food. The facility will be issued a civil money penalty for this deficiency by both the State and CMS/Feds

Immunization Program

- Conducted two Back to School immunization clinics August 27, at Dennis Avenue and Germantown Health Centers. Vaccinated 74 and determined IZ records were up to date for additional 35 students.

Tuberculosis Control

- Currently 41 TB disease cases reported to CDC; several suspected possible cases in the process of evaluation; likely to have 50 cases by the close of this month; this time last year we had 28 cases; There are two active cases being co-managed with NIH: One is an inpatient with Multi-drug resistant (MDR)



TB and one is receiving Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) in their home from our TB clinic; one MDR case to be managed by LHD-awaiting final sensitivities before prescribing treatment-there is some concern that this may be Extreme Drug Resistant (XDR) as we are waiting on the State lab to complete tests.

- Current Contact Studies
  - BCC HS
    - Sibling of index case developed symptoms after two negative QFTs; now has converted to positive QFT with abnormal CXR; started on treatment
  - Sligo Genesis Contact Study
    - First round testing of residents and staff in process. No secondary cases noted thus far
  - KHS Contact Study
    - Initial notification email and letters sent out by principal last week; waiting for testing letters to be signed
    - Class rosters received; mailing envelopes ready to go, testing date: 9/19/2016
    - Two siblings of index case cleared to return to school; one sibling started on treatment for TB (smear negative x1- two pending)

#### Disease Control

- In the month of August, Disease Control (DC) staff screened 94 county residents for Zika testing; 11 had positive results prompting 11 door-to-door Aedes Mosquito Responses, for a total 777 residences. Mosquito surveillance by Maryland Department of Agriculture prompted ultra-low volume fogging with Permanone 30-30, for 3 of the Aedes Mosquito Responses. DC, Office of Emergency Management, Health Officer, and HHS Public Information Officer worked together on the press releases.
- During the month of August, 11 pregnant women, ranging in age from 14 – 40 years, and predominately from El Salvador, immigrated to Montgomery County. Of the 11 women 5 were in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and 4 of the 5 delivered within a few weeks/days of their arrival to Montgomery County. 4 women were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, and 2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. The role of the DC Administrator is to work with hospital staff in labor/delivery/newborn nursery/neonatal intensive care nursery, to ensure the collection of specimens including maternal/fetal tissues and neonatal peripheral serum, and coordinate delivery to the State Lab. When the results are back the DC Administrator follows-up with clinicians to ensure the current CDC/DHMH Interim Guidance (August 19, 2016) for the Evaluation and Management of Infants with Possible Congenital Zika Virus Infection. Additionally, non-pregnant symptomatic and asymptomatic travelers returning from Zika areas must be counseled/precautioned to avoid mosquito bites in Montgomery County for 2 weeks and not to have condomless sex for the appropriate time. During the month of August, Debra Aplan, was a co-author for the MMWR Early Release “Likely Sexual Transmission of Zika Virus from a Man with No Symptoms of Infection”.
- DC nurses were also very busy in August investigating 40 animal bites, as well as coordinating animal rabies testing with Animal Services for 46 animals of which one raccoon and 7 bats tested positive for Rabies. Fortunately, the bat in a health room on the first day of school, tested Negative. Vaccine Preventable Disease investigations included 6 Pertussis cases and a Mumps contact investigation.
- There was a Campylobacter Outbreak Investigation at an assisted living facility. DC collaborated with L&R to launch a new Office365 Group titled DHHS Foodborne Outbreak Group where L&R Facility Investigations and DC Patient Investigations may be shared with HIPAA compliance.
- DC had a confirmed case of Avian Chlamydiosis Psittacosis in a 26 y.o. female cockatoo, who became ill and died. During this time the bird owners developed respiratory symptoms. Specimens were collected and sent to CDC.

#### Montgomery Cares

- Montgomery Cares 2.0: The concept is to align the MCares program with the Affordable Care Act and other transformative work by developing policies for increased program uniformity and parity of

services. The 2.0 stakeholders group met August 18th to discuss next steps toward implementation of the 3 workgroups recommendations: Fees & Co-Pays, Essential Services, and Provider Standards. The workgroups are planning to reconvene and report out by December.

- The Montgomery Cares clinics Care 4 Your Health, Community Clinic Inc., and Mary's Center provided emergency and on-going care to victims of the Silver Spring Apartment fire. The needs range from behavioral health services, inhalers, specialty care and counseling on the effects of smoke inhalation. Program staff is working with PCC to support the clinics providing care to the victims.

#### Healthcare for the Homeless

- Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) has taken an active part in the gathering of statistical data on homeless clients with chronic medical and psychiatric conditions. This is a major effort through the Interagency Commission on Homelessness Hospital & Jail Committee to provide the Continuum of Care with supporting data for why Montgomery County has a growing need for a medical respite program/recuperative care program. All surrounding County hospitals, community providers and HCH are working together as a team to collect the data during the months of August & September.
- The Housing Initiative Program (Medical), a permanent supportive housing program for previously homeless clients has a new contract Nurse Case Manager who's managed by the Healthcare for the Homeless Program started on September 6, 2016.
- As a new way to expand the program, we had a new social work student from University of Maryland start her internship, September 6, 2016.

#### STATISTICS

<b>Program: Infants at Risk (IAR)</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Number of Infant at Risk (IAR) referrals received from hospitals or providers	21
YTD Number	21
Number of referrals received from DHMH or providers for children lead levels > 10ug/dl	6
YTD Number	6
<b>Program: Maternity Partnership</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by School Health Services	1
YTD Number	1
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by DACCT	7
YTD Number	7
<b>Program: Montgomery Cares</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Patients	4,347
YTD Patients	4,347
Encounters	5,181
YTD Encounters	5,181
<b>Program: MC Homeless Health</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Patients	12
YTD Patients	12
Encounters	14
YTD Encounters	14

<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	152
YTD Patients	152
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	152
YTD Patients	<b>152</b>
Number of teens enrolled	13
YTD teen enrollment	13
Number of first trimester entries into Maternity Partnership	70
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	46%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	70
Fetal losses	1
YTD fetal losses	1
<b>Program: Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	192
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	192
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	697.4
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	697.4
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	60
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	60
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	914
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	914
<b>Program: Healthcare Services</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	2
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	2
Number of nursing homes	34